

THUESDAY EVENING, MAY 10, 1900.

Some white people, Northern as well as Southern, are now holding a conference at Montgomery, Alabama, to consider the evils of the race question, or rather, that have resulted from the emancipation of the slaves of the South, and the means by which they may be remedied, or at least ameliorated. But it will be futile. The condition brought upon the country by the abolitionists is a natural one, and as nature's laws are immutable, must proceed to its legitimate end. stream cannot rise higher than its source. The negro, when left to himself, and entirely removed from the supervision of the white man, naturally reverts to the condition of his race in darkest Africa; has always done so, and always will; "it is his nature to." That free schools do not increase their intelligence, or their manners, or morals, is patent to everybody familiar with them, and old enough to compare their condition now with what it was before they had such schools. Besides, if free schools have not benefited the white people of the country to any appreciable extent, in any way, it is hardly possible they could have had a contrary effect upon the negroes.

SENATOR TELLER says "when the carpet-baggers went South after the war, they could not withstand the temptation to steal." The truth about the South is slowly but surely percolating through time into the minds of Northern men, as that about every thing else does, to all mer, and that about the abolitionists will, after a while, be as plain to the people of th-North as that about the carpet-baggers has already become. When the cumulative effect of the abolition war-the fire works-shall begin, the wisdom of the old South will be recognized in the

FIGHTERS MUST take as well as give. The British met with a reverse from the Boers in South Africa yesterday and from the negro tribes on the Gold Coast a few oays before. By superior force they will be able to crush the white Boers as well as the black Ashantis; but many sensible people, who are neither humanitarians, civilizers nor Christianizers, don't think the game worth the candle. That recently play ed by this country with Spain and now in progress with the Filipinos certainly is not.

THE EXTENSIVE Strikes in Chicago | S stes and Porto Rico. gitimate result—the closing of many of not duly and legally elected to a seat in silenced everybody. "Gentlemen," he the large industrial plants therein, and the Senate of the United States by the legislature of Montana was laid before the removal of the operations of their propertors to other and smaller cities, with the consequent loss of millions of dollars of weekly wages to their former employees. Strikes may be fine sport to those engaged in them, but nothing is plainer than the fact that those dependent on the strikers for support, don't enjoy them in the least.

SINCE General Otis left Mapila the Filipinos bave attacked and burned large towns garrisoned by American troops, killed many of the soldiers and forced the others to seek safety on the ships in the ports. But still, the General's last dispatches are to the effect that the war in the Philippines is over.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. Washington, May 10.

It is understood that the situation in regard to Turkey remains unchanged. Not a line has come from the American Charge d' Affairs at Constantinople, and the Turkish Minister here maintains a discrete silence. Though all negotiations in regard to the claim of this country for the indemnity of \$90,-000 are taking place at Constantinople, it is expected that Turkey's answer will finally come through its represen-tative here. The published report this morning that Mr. Griscom had made another demand of the Porte for immediate payment cannot be corroborated at the State Department. It is stated that Griscom's orders were to press the matter to a settlement and that it would be within his province to make additional demands without further instructions. Mr. Griscom has not reported that he has made another de-

The Senate printing committee today resumed the investigation under Mr. Chandler's resolution of charges made regarding the sale and disposal of "mess-ages and papers of the Presidents." Mr. Boardman, treasurer of the publishing company at Terre Haute, Iud., was ex-

The special House committee on the St Louis World's Fair at its meeting considered the bill making a congress-ional appropriation in behalf of the exposition and amended it in some particulars. The principal amendment reduced the number of commissioners to Another amendment was to have the fair held "at" instead of "in" St. Louis, so that it can extend into the suburbe if necessary. The section appropriating five million dollars was not reached in the discussion and the committee ad-

journed until tomorrow. Attorneys for Neely charged with embezzlement of government funds in Cuba are here trying to prevent his extradition to Cuba. They are enextradition to Cuba. They are en-deavoring to persuade the Secretary of War to hold up the extradition proceedings until a decision can be had from its interest.

the Department of Justice as to whether Neely cannot be tried by a court in this country. A strong fight is being made to prevent Neely being tried by a Cuban court. The President, Secretary Root, 'Attorney General Griggs and Postmaster General Smith held a conference this afternoon over the Neely the Neely of the Neely strong over the Neely the Neely this afternoon over the Neely the Neely this afternoon over the Neely the Neely the Neely the Neely this afternoon over the Neely th ference this afternoon over the Neely case. It was decided that Neely can be tried in Havana and Gov. Roosevelt will be asked to deliver up the prisoner to the military authorities who will transport him to Cuba for trial.

The recently discovered frauds in Cuba are so large and so glaring that both the War and the Postoffice departments are trying to relieve them-selves of the opprobrium and are shift-ing the responsibility of them upon

each other.
Mr. Bowden, republican national Mr. Bowden, reputition, was here committeeman from Virginia, was here vesterday making arrangements for the delegation from his State to the national republican convention.

Waddill of Richmond here yesterdsy, trying to dispose of the famous "Mahone lot." It will be re-membered that he and General Edgar Allan bought the lot to secure loans they had made, and upon which Gennal Mahone placed a high value.
Mr. Wedderburn of Alexandria says

he made an engagement for the Mayor and a delegation of Alexandrians to confer with the District Commissioners this morning in respect of the garbage from this city that is now carried by Alexandria and sorely affects the nosrils of the people thereof, but, though Representative Rixey and the Commisioners were ready, the Alexandrians

did not appear.

It is currently reported at the Capitol today that ex-Speaker Reed, during his recent trip to this city, expressed the opinion, to his personal friends, that Mr. McKinley will be defeated by a phenomenally large majority next fall. A well informed correspondent of a leading Northern republican newspaper, here, talks the same way to his friends.

In the Senate today Mr. Daniel introduced a bill to amend the act providing for the government of Hawaii. People who have talked with members of the Senate appropriations committee on the subject, say that committee will incorporate the amendment for an appropriation for the Arlington bridge with the sundry civil bill, and though neither the Senate nor the House has acted on the bill for that bridge, it is confidently expected by the advocates of the bridge, that both will agree to the amendment referred to, which, it is said, will be sufficient to build at least one abutment.

The House committee on coinage met this morning, but did nothing with the bill for a Washington monument at Alexandria, the cost of which is to be paid out of the profits of the sale of silver half dollars coined by the U. S. mint; nor has the sub-committee to People who have talked with members of

mint; nor has the sub-committee to that bill was referred as yet held a

meeting to give it consideration.

Espresentative Baily of Texas has returned and he was warmly congratulated today
by his many friends in both branches of Con-

by his many friends in both branches of Congress upon his success in securing the Senatorship from his State.

A prominent Northern democrat at the Capitol today, talking about Lord Salisbury's speech in London yesterday, in which he declared that this is 'an opportune time to intimate Great Britain's attitude toward the pro-Boer agitation in the United States and elsewhere, and that there seemed to be a deep-seated feeling hostile to England, with which it might become necessary to recken," said he was reliably informed that the Premier had in mind utterances attributed to Messrs. in mind utterances attributed to Messre, Bryan, Webster Davis and Cockran but that he believed his declaration would be worth a million votes to the former at next fall's elec-

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, May 10.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee on commerce, reported favorably a bill to the coasting trade netween the United Sistes and Porto Rico.

resolution that William A. Clark was

Mr. Chandler moved that further consideration of the resolution be postmorning business. The motion prevailed. Mr. Chandler then gave notice that he would ask that at that time the resolution be taken up for continuous consideration to the exclusion of all

other business.

Mr. Hale said that inasmuch as a portion of the day was to be given over to eulogies on the Hon. Samuel T. Baird, late a member of the House of R-presentatives from Louisians, he would not call up the naval appropriaton bill today.

A bill was passed providing for

public building at New Orleans.

Mr. Gallinger then addressed the Senate on his resolution, introduced Monday, that the present phenomenal business prosperity of the country is largely due to the enactment of the Dingley tariff law. He made an extended address, in which he claimed that free trade had bankrupted merchants and caused banks to suspend payment He attributed the failures which occurred between 1893 and 1896 to the workings of free trade.

At 2 o'clock the unfinished business

the Philippine bill, was laid before the Senate. Mr. Lodge, who bas charge of the messure, asked that it be laid aside emporarily but gave notice that on next Monday he would ask that it be taken up and disposed of. He said, OWEVER that he would not press its consideration in such a way as to in-terfere with consideration of the Clark

Before proceeding with the considration of the Pearson-Crawford conested election case, a resolution reportd from the foreign affairs committee calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the immigra-tion of Japanese laborers, the proba-bilities for such immigration during the ensning year and what measures have been taken to punish violators of the incoming Japanese was adopted. The lection case was then taken up and the contestant, Mr. Pearson, was allowed to address the House in his own be-

The debate in the election case closed shortly after 8 p. m., and the roll was called on the adoption of the minority resolutions, declaring Mr. Crawford en-

resolutions, declaring Mr. Crawford entitled to his seat,
At 4.20 p m by a vote of 129 to 127 the
House decided in favor of Pearson, republican, who was not elected, and against Crawford, democrat, who was.

Hon. A. M. Waddell, of North Caro lins, and ex-Governor McCorkle, of West Virginia, were the principal speakers at the race-problem conference at Montgomery, Ala., yesterday, Mr. Waddell took a stand in favor of restricted negro suffrage, while Mr. Mc-Corckle urged that the South educate the negro to vote with instead of against

The Situation in Fouth Africa
London, May 10—A dispatch from
General Roberts dated Cable Cart
Headquarters, May 10, 9:10 a. m., says:
"We are now across the Zand. The
enemy still hold a strong position but
we are gradually pushing them back.
Their strength will be ascertained tomorrow, when I hope to force a parsage of the river."
Sharp fighting is undoubtedly colors.

Sharp fighting is undoubtedly going on today north of the Zand. Military men believe that Roberts is now storming the outer defences of Kroonstadt According to some reports Senekal, on the road to Bethlehem, east of Win-burg, has been occupied by the British. If true, the occupation is important, as Senekal commands the line of retreat of the Boers in the Ladybrand district

who have a great quantity of supplies. Pretoria, May 9, (Delayed).—President Kruger has received a telegram from a woman burgher asking if the time has arrived for the formation of a corps of women. She says she is pre-pared with a body of women volunteers to take up arms in defence of indepen-

London, May 10.-General Roberts has won the fight on Zand river. The Boers are in full retreat. The dispatch announcing the victory is as follows:

"Cable Cart Headquarters, Zand Biver, May 10, 12:30 p. m.—The enemy are in full retreat. They occupied a position twenty miles in length and ours was necessarily longer. With a widely scattered force, it takes some time to learn the extent of the casualties but I am hopeful we did not suffer much. The cavalry and horse artillery are pursuing the enemy on three differ-

Anti-Fusion Populist Convention. Cincinnati, May 10 -The populists here began work early this morning. Permanent Chairman Peek called for order at 8:10 o'clock, but as only a few delegates were in the hall, no attempt was made to begin business till 8:30. The Kansas vote was reconsidered, and that State was allowed to cast but eleven votes according to Congressional districts instead of the 86 decided upon last night. An attempt to make this decision follow in all states failed, as other states had named delegates by State convention. Chairman Peek claims 350 delegates present but there are about 200 in the hall.

A plan of party organization was adopted including a national committee of three from each state, state executive, district, county, township and ward committees selected by popular votes and any one who suggests fusion with the democratic or republican party is to be expelled from the party. No salaried official can be a member of any com mittee. Platforms are to be made by direct vote instead of by conventions. An attempt to make the anti-fusion clause apply to "any other party" in-stead of just the republican and demo-cratic was laid on the table. A platform was adopted after considerable argument, affirming unshaken belief in the cardinal tenets of the people's party as set forth in the Omaha piatform, including the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, and the election of precident, vice president, federal judges, and United S.ates senators by direct

Parker was nominated for president on the second ballot.

The Woman in Politics.

Adlai Stevenson, last night walked out With a stentorian voice be said, "If you nominate Adlai Stevenson for Vice President, that moment \$1,000,-000 will go into the treasury of the democratic party." Fitzgerald paused when the capary voice of Miss Annie Diggs piped out: "Nixie, nixie. That's the hand of Gorman. The hand of the eastern democrat. No Stevenson in ours." The crowd applauded. "Down with Stevenson," Down with Gorman, 'Down with the eastern democratel' they shouted. Later in the evening Annie Digge killed William Sulzer's boom in the same way.

Garrison Probably Massacred. London, May 10 .- A dispatch from Accra, British Gold Coast, saying that communication with Kumassi had been nterrupted for 48 hours and that the town is believed to have fallen, causes grave anxiety. Gov. Sir Frederick Hodgson, his wife and a score of Europeans have been beseiged in Kumassi for several weeks. It is feared that they have all met death or capture. Beside the Europeans, there were several hun-dred loyal blacks at Kumassi. The fort there is a strong one, and was provisioned for a long siege. It had been hoped for a time that the Ashanti trouble was ended but it is now report-ed that three other tribes have joined

Murderer Executed.

Camden, N. J., May 10.-Francesco Abbotto was executed in the county jail here this morning. The drop fell at 11:06. Abbatto murdered a fellow countryman named Genaro De Feo, near Hammo ton, in May of last year, Abbatto, after killing his victim, de-capitated him and hid the dismembered portions of the body in the dense pine woods thereabouts. Abbatto's motive in murdering De Feo was to secure the paltry sum of one hundred dol lars and then elope with his widow.

Chicago's Labor War Over.

Chicago, May 10.-The labor war is over, so far as the attitude of the pro-ducers of building material in Cook county is concerned. It is announce that the manufacturers of and dealers contract labor law in connection with in brick and mill supplies have opened their plants and no longer refuse to sell material for building to cititizens or contractors employing union labor. It is considered likely that the proposed grand jury investigation will now be dropped or at least not urged.

> Cabinet Crisis. Madrid, May 10 .- A cabinet crisis is

imminent as a result of the taxation agitation. Many of the papers predict the resignation of the ministry. All the shops and theatres are closed by way of protest to the taxation scheme

The Markets.

Chicago, May 10.—The market closed as ollows: Wheat—May —; July 67a66% Georgetown, May 10 -Wheat 68a73.

The Methodist General Conference in Chicago yesterday devoted the day to the report of the commission to revise the organic laws of the church,

From Havana.

Havana, May 10 .- General Alejandro Rodriguez, who is now sub-treasurer of the island, has accepted the nomination by the national party to be mayor of Havans.

General Maximo Gomez today wired his endorsement of the nomination from Santo Domingo and promises to return and assist in the campaige. General Rodriguez is an American, having been naturalized in 1880. He has been mayor of Key West where he is a cigar manufacturer; he is also a veteran of the two Cuban revolutions and was

General Gomez's last chief of staff. It is understood that one of the sus-pects in the postoffice scandal has conlessed his implication in the fraud on condition that he be allowed to turn
State's evidence. More arrests are expected hourly. The scandal is still the
chief topic of interest. It is believed
that Neely is not the chief culprit. Many believe an attempt will be made to conceal the real extent of the fraud because of the evil effect politically not only in Cuba but in the United States. Comment is excited by the fact that a nephew of President McKinley is said to be connected with the Fidelity Deposit Company of Maryland, which went on Neely's bond.

Naples, May 10 - Vesuvius has preented an impressive spectacle since Sunday. Above the summit of the dark nountain white smoke could be seen making its way a thousand meters high. Explosions are continually heard, even at Naples. Masses of lava are being burled 5,000 meters.

The cable service up Mount Vesuvius has been suspended in consequence of the eruption. Four Englishmen attempted to secend the mountain on oot, and approached the summit. Suddenly the volcano belched forth a stream of lava and large stones, which descended on the foolbardy tourists, who were rescued in a terribly bruised and battered condition and removed to hospital.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A dispatch from Manila says that Filipinos have driven out the American garrison and burned Bulan, in South

Illinois republicans, in convention at Peoria, yesterday, nominated Judge Richard Yates for Governor, after most exciting scene.

A league has been formed in Madrid against the government's financial scheme, and riotons demonstrations are to be made today in the large cities. The national conventions of the fusion

and anti-fusion populists met at Sioux, Falls, S. D., and Cincinnati, respectively and completed preliminary organizations. The proposed caucus of Senate repub-

licans, which was to have met this week to adopt a programme of legisla tion for the remainder of the session, has been postponed, Lord Salisbury's references to Irish disloyalty have raised a hornet's nest and the whole question is likely to re-

vive just at the time when the Queen's visit was having a beneficial effect. Practically the entire session of the Senate, yesterday, was devoted to a discussion of the section of the naval appropriation bill relating to armor and

armament. The debate largely hinged on the proposition that the government should erect an armor plant of its own. The Maryland republican State convention yesterdsy elected Louis E. Mc-Comas, William T. Malster, Sydney E. Mudd and Phillips Lee Goldsborough

as delegates at large to the Philadelphia
The presidential electorsconvention. borough succeeds Gen. Thomas J. Shryrock as chairman of the republican

State central committee. The platform is generous in its endorsement of repub-lican principles. Resolutions were in-troduced against civil service reform and Senator Welling en, but they were sidetracked.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Captain Jesse E. Adams, one of the most prominent and influential citizens

of Amherst county, died yesterday. Fierce fires are raging on the North Mountain, west of Woodstock, and many acres of woodland have been

Mr. Joel F. Taylor, aged 23 years, of Appomattox, died Tuesday morning at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, He was under treatment for an abscess

The charges that forgery has been committed in furnishing names of republican candidates for councilmen in Jackson ward, Richmond, are to be ventilated in the courts.

Memorial Day exercises under the suspices of the Oakwood Memorial Association were held at Oakwood, Richmond, today. Attorney General Montague was the orator of the day and Sheriff Hughes the chief marshal.

Moses Jacob Ezekiel, the sculptor, has sent to the United States a monument, "Virginia Mourning for Her Desd," for the Virginia Military Institute, of which the sculptor is a graduate. It was cast in Friedrichshagen.

The session of the forty-third annual ciation was opened in Richmond yester-day at the University College of Medioine. More than a thousand of the most prominent dentists in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia

There is more Catarrh in this section of the There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken etitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a tea spoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, C. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

"After suffering from severe dyspepsia ever twelve years and using many remedies with-out permanent good, I finally took Kodel Dyspepsia Cure. It did me so much good I recommend it to every one," writes J. E. Wat-kins, Clerk and Recorder, Chillicothe, Mo. It diesets what you ex ligests what you est.

Don't Tohacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be mag netic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c of St. Cure guaran-teed. Booklet and sample free. Address membered during the chaotic conditions incident to Mr. Dunn's first resignation, the committee was compelled to ask Booklet and sample free Address og Remedy Co. Chicago or New York.

The following are the messages of Mayor Simpson and Auditor Price to the City Council on Tuesday, May 8, 1900, in response to a resolution of the two boards on April 24:

didary disclosure was made; the Board of Aldermen's proceedings written by a most capable, conscientious and cor-

Alexandria, Va., May 8, 1960. Honorable, the City Councit of

Alexandria: Gentlemen:—I acknowledge receipt of resolution adopted by your honor-able body April 24th, 1900, requesting information as to the authority under which the present street work is being performed and under which pay rolls are being signed. While the motive for this request is involved in some little obscurity, it may by implication, at least, contain a complimentary sug gestion that work is being so commend ably well done, notwithstanding the absence of a city engineer, that justly stimulated surprise, at unlooked for efficiency under most untoward cir-cumstances excites inquiry as to the secret of so gratifying a condition of affairs. There is, however, a remote possibility that the inquiry is born of an unkind suspicion that Alexandria's executive has gone inadvertently, perchance, from the limits of his own well defined duties to trepass upon the right: of others, and it may be proper. as well as prudent, to act upon this latter bypothesis, even to the extent of digressing to consider the constitu-tional and chartered powers of your Mayor, and as the constitution is easy of reference, the following is culled from that instrument: "He shall see that the duties of the various city officers are faithfully performed; he shall have power to investigate their acts; have access to all books and documents in their offices, and may examine them and their subordinates on oath; he shall have power to suspend or remove &c. All laws or city ordi-nances in conflict with these powershall be void from and after the adop tion of the constitution," and the city charter says, "he shall see that the laws of the corporation be duly executed." An ordinarily careful perusal of the foregoing quotations should explode any superficially formed ides hat the Mayor of a city has no powers, save those that enable him to try casein the police court, sign warrants and of offering them himself in the Com-collect licenses, and while this community is singularly fortunate in having today officers whose efficiency is un-questioned and whose dealings with the my need no investigation, yet if the opposite were the case, neither caption omments nor false assertions of his propeness to meddle with the affairs of others, nor puerile inuendoes as to czar-tike methods would deter the Mayor of this city from independently considering and fearlessly treating violations of the law, and if ungenerous critics flatter themselves that his position should only be one of passive indifference to the in-terests of this community, that impression can at least in a measure be re moved by the assurance that be proposes to actively and aggressively in-terest himself in all the affairs of this

city. It is hardly necessary to add that his sets are public property; they have been unreservedly and freely published that the people of this community who e unstinted confidence he has en joyed for these many years, have had presented to them the official life of a tellow-townsman, whose views are as thoroughly antagonistic to malignant ideas of scheming though clumsy poli-ticians, as darkness is to light, and whose utterances have given forth no uncertain sound upon any question af-fecting the welfare of Alexandria or o Alexandria's people. He shirks no re sponsibility and he does not attempt to transfer to others any responsibility for deeds done by elf. Among the laws of our State and city are fundamental the protection of the --- or the people

nealth and the party of the portant that no official interregnum could justify their neglect, therefore, while the removal or the resignation of any officer necessarily creates a vacan-cy, that vacancy should in no wise militate against the comfort and con venience of our people, and the execu-tive of a city wisely and properly putnimeelf and his bond in the absent subordinate until the City Council shall have taken action in the prem ises. Mr. E. C. Dunn's recent resigna tion discovered the only unfinished sewer work authorized by Council clearly and definitely planned. He had left data and had furnished written figures and directions to his sub ordinates, the sewer afore mentioned running into Pitt street from houses re cently erected (houses deprived of all conveniences unless connected with sewer) was constructed strictly in accordance with Mr. Dunn's plan, and, gentlemen, it may be pertinent to add at a cost considerable less than estimate; and further, if comparisons are admissible, it is suggestive of economy when we are told that seventy-five dollars were deposited in this compar atively inexpensive work where last year only fifty dollars were deposited for sewer tapping in the more expensive improvement in the alley running int Prince street back of Fleischmann' Hotel. The foreman who was placed in charge of street work by Mr. Duor still has control, and aside from trans mitting to him complaints from citizens regarding the removal of ashes injury to pumps and violation sanitary regulations, the Mayor has work, except possibly in one or two in-stances, where he has given ad-vice for the correction of crying abuses, and one of these abuses particular ly aggravating was a sewer pipe whose outlet was on Union street. Captain Fair and several citizens living in the vicinity of this very offensive and un realthful nuisance entered complaint and the Mayor suggested immediate correction. The work was commenced at once and completed at a trifling cost This desirable result was greatly aided by the Southern Railroad's generou contribution of material and assistance It may be claimed that as the commit tee on streets has a quasi advisory con trol of the city engineer's actions therefore, does the vacation of the engineer's office logically carry with it his duties, but this position is hard y tenable, for the reason that the relations of engineer and committee are

only joint and so nominated in the ordi-nance, and with the light of the past few weeks' experience before us, it is not difficult to conceive the impossibili-

ty of joint action, where one of the

parties is not present, or where one of

the parties positively refuses to act in conjunction with the other. Indeed, the

committee would bardly claim by right

of inheritance without stultifying itsel', the power of city engineer, for be it re-

MAYOR'S AND AUDITOR'S MES- Council for a special ordinance empower SAGES. ering said committee to complete cer-tain work left unfinished by the city engineer, and in the discussion of the veto of this ordinance, a most extraordinary disclosure was made; the Board rect reporter are berewith cited :

Mr. Curtin said the committee on streets had never considered the ordinance, and he hoped they would be given an opportunity to do so.

do so.

Mr. Ballenger said there was no need of
referring it to them. He did not understand
how Mr. Curtin could introduce an ordinance and vote for it one night and then vote agains it at the next meeting. It looked like he, member of the committee on streets, could not trust himself.

Mr. Curtin said he introduced the ordinan

without closely examining it. He now saw it was impracticable in it; present thape and would rather have the matter placed in proper shape.

Mr. Hinken said he objected to the ordi

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nance when it was first introduced. Original ly it gave power to the chairman of the committee. It had, however, been changed, and its present shape vested the power in the committee collectively.

Mr. Smoot said there seemed to be some misunderstanding about the matter. He had no ver consulted with Mr. Curtin about the ordinance. The speaker would not have voted for it had he been present, and would now vote to sustain the Mayor's objections.

Mr. Curtin made some further remarks in explanation of the part he had played in the matter, and said when he found himself wrong he was man enough to confess it.

matter, and said when he found himself wrong he was man enough to confess it.

Mr Sweeney said Council occupied a very peculiar position in the matter. He gaves history of the Cr. inance and how he had sug-geted to Mr. Curtin the advisability of strikng out the word "chairman" and substitutin "committee" therefor. For many years th committee on stre to had been empowered to have all street work cone under their supervision It was an important committee was composed of practical men, including a civil engineer. If in this emergency the work could not be entrusted to them for short time a strange picture would be present ed. The ordinance merely empowered the committee to finish up certain work, appropriations for which had already been mad. The committee had no power to make new

ppropriat ons. That is to say, gentlemen, the chairman of an important committee is sup-posed to have written resolutions naming himself as the one who should be invested with most extraordinary power and ignoring completely the rest of his own committee, and instead ber, they were handed to that excellent citizen and esteemed representa-tive from the Third ward, Mr. J. R. N Curtin, to be presented to the Board of Aldermen, but Mr. J. T. Sweeney, be able representative from th Fourth ward who had been in public life too long to take everything for granted, very prudently advised the striking out of chairman and insertion of committee; in this form it was paseed. This retrospect enables us to templated a most striking and uncalled for attempt at individual usurpation, and in connection with resolutions now under consideration it furnishes coincidence, as, perhaps, the present resolutions were written by the same hand that penned the ones of last year, and that they too are also presented in the Board of Aldermen by a member of that board, instead of being offered in that board, instead of being offered in the Common Council by the writer nimself. The coincidence, harmless in man of the committee on streets would not sign pay-rolls, and I determined not sign pay-rolls, and I determined not to be influenced by street rumors to to be influenced by street rumors to the voice of Jacob. The question of that effect, so requested the City Treasurer to whose authority, &c.," could easily have been removed from the domain of Smith, which was done, and he de have been removed from the domain of argument if your honorable body had specially directed some one to take up the work where Mr. Dunn left off, but when the Mayor had transmitted to the little circumstances to issue warrants. Council all the facts connected with the vacated office, the chairman of your committee on streets immediately upon the reading of the message moved an trol. adjournment. Again, when a member from the First ward offered the follow-

That the committee on streets be and is hereby authorized and empowerand is hereby authorized and prosecute all uned to take charge and prosecute all unand a bonded officer, as is the Mayor.

The finance committee, composed of
ed to take charge and prosecute all unand able and honorable, are charged finished work on streets, sewers, etc.; and have performed all necessary work n connection with cleaning streets, resiring pumps, etc, until the election

of a new city engineer.

2ad, That they be authorized to approve necessary pay-rolls in connection with the duty assigned them, as above, which pay-roll shall be recognized by

from its passage.

our Auditor.

3rd, This ordinance shall be in force An exact copy of those adopted last year, Council promitly laid them on the table, thus possibly emphasizing a fear that some member might again turnish to our people the novel spec tacle of the evolution of a member of street committee into a paid foreman of street work. This matter is only dwelt upon to criticise measures, and not men, for legislation generally is environed with many restrictions upon the right of members to enjoy personally pecuniary advantages through their own votes, and in all legislature bodies, there is either an unwritten or a written law preventing the vote of a member any matter in which he is directly concerped. The statutes have followed this idea in denying to members of city councils the right to enter into con tracts &c., with corporations, and while it is easy to perceive the justification of employing for a specific emergency task a member of council whose scientific knowledge of the task in question does outside labor no injustice, yet in the matter of the formanship of street work by a member of a street committee, the violation of propriety is greatly aggra-vated by reason of there being so many worthy and industrious working men capable of performing the daties of a position that is denied them by reason of overshadowing influence naturally possessed by a member of an important committee. If there should be at any time unexpended appropriations fo street work during the vacation of the engineer's office and the Mayor should put a stop to such work and should ake upon himself the power to discharge the engineer's appointees, surely uch an action against the laboring men upon our streets would be far more eprehensible than the public spirited and proper stand which he has taken of continuing the employment of men previously engaged by the city engi-neer; and if others recuse to sign pay rolls whereby struggling industry nied its pittance, then, gentlemen, does the Mayor of this city take upon himself all the responsibility of not only saying that the laborer is worthy of his irre, but of signing the necessary papers that will enable the laborer to receive

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Office Auditor Public Accounts, Alexandria, Vs., May 8, 1900.] To the Honorable City Council of Alex

Gentlemen:-In compliance with that Gentlemen:—In compliance with that portion of a joint resolution of the City Council passed April 24th, 1900, as follows: "And the Auditor is hereby directed to report by what authority the payments have been made since the resignation of the City Engineer," I have the honor to report that there was and is now money sufficient and appropriations.

was and is now money sufficient and appropriations available to pay for street cleaning, the only work done on the street since engineer's resignation.

That a precedent for such payments existed under exactly similar circumstances when last year, following the Magnetic Communication of the Communication of Mr. Duon's resignation, the Mayor and the chairman of the committee on streets approved bills and approved pay-rolls as shown by vouchers made part of this report, is shown by the following clipping from the Alexandria Gazette, Tuesday, May 9th 1899.

SEWER WORK -On February 28 lat the ity Council ordered the placing of a terra-cotta sewer beginning at Henry street and connecting with that sewer and ranning through what is known as Grace Church at connecting with that sewer and ranning through what is known as Grace Church alley to Patrick street and thence north along Patrick street to the alley on Patrick street, between Prince and King streets, which sogrates the property of Dr. Wm. Gibson and the office of Dr. Herndon, and up said alley about 100 feet. For the construction of this sewer \$600 was appropriated, the work having been started just prior to the resignation of Mr. E. C. Dunn. The work up to last Friday had reached Patrick street at its intersection with Grace Church alley, and mose than \$300 had been expended, \$225 for labor alone. Yesterday the Auditor called Mayor Simpson's attention to the matter with the comment that it was no business of his (the Auditor) to interfere until the appropriation was exhausted, but it was not plain just how this work could be accomplished for \$600 or \$1,000. Chairman Emith of the committee on streets informed the Auditor he had nothing more to do with this work than approving with the Mayor all bills for afreet work.

The carts now employed on streets, the cartmen assisting in the collection of ashes etc., the foreman who employs and keeps time of workmen, are exactly the same persons employed a year ago. In this connection it will not, I hope, be inappropriate for me to say that the employment of street forces did not rest upon me any more this year than in 1899, yet temporary or agreed upon measures for carrying on street work were not then questioned, I would have immediate y following April 10th, date of Mr. Dunn's resignation, conferred with the chairman of the committee on streets, as to these street matters, but deferred doing so owing to a death in his family, and further, I was informed just at this period that Mr. Grabill was going to in payment, more especially as the com-mittee on streets had not offered or made one single move to assume con

With due respect to the committee on streets, I presume the resolution Be it resolved by the City Council of was no lawful warrant for payment to street forces. I have never, knowingly, willingly drawn a check unlawfully. with making an examination of the books, receipts and disbursements of this office, to examine and see that there is a proper voucher or every dollar of the people's money for which a warrant is drawn and to whom it is

Actuated by a feeling of duty, re-sponsibility and accountability to the people whose servant I am, I would gladly have the City Council instruct its committee on finance not to pass the pay-roll for this street work, if their judgment this office has been guilty of even an impropriety, and I will make good these payments out of

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